

**REMARKS**

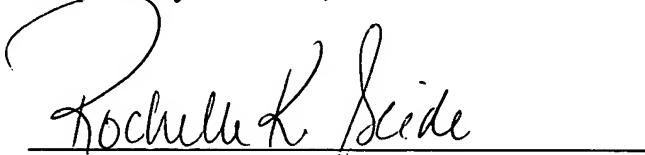
This application is submitted under 35 U.S.C. 371 and claims priority to International Application No. PCT/WO2004/057263 filed December 18, 2003, which claims priority to December 19, 2002, the entire specification claims and drawings of which are incorporated herewith by reference

Claims 1, 7, 8, 18 and 19 have been amended. In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the “portable launcher is capable of being coupled to a rifle.” Applicants submit that the amendments are fully supported by the Specification as originally filed and, therefore, no new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, claims 1-19 are pending in this application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Applicants submit herewith the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in International Application No. PCT/WO2004/057263 and respectfully request that it be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-referenced application. Applicants submit that the amendments place pending claims 1-19 in a condition for allowance. Therefore, consideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this filing. However, if additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing **Attorney Docket No. 027885.00001**.

Respectfully submitted,



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